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In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0004] of the Published Application with the following amended

paragraph:

--It is accordingly an object of the invention to provide a plug connection and a method

of fitting the same, wherein the plug connection has an improved partition seal and the security

of the connection is increased.--

Please replace paragraph [0006] of the Published Application with the following amended

paragraph:

--The present invention is based on the fundamental idea that the undesirable penetration

of moisture into an interior of a plug connection can be avoided if a connection region between a

clamping device and at least one plug of the plug connection is sealed by a bearing sealing

member. According to an advantageous embodiment, the clamping device comprises at least one

actuating projection which co-operates with a socket arranged on one of the plugs, to clamp the

plug. The force applied during clamping can easily be converted into a clamping force in this

way.--

Please replace paragraph [0007] of the Published Application with the following amended

paragraph:

--In order to minimize the region which a bearing sealing member of this type has to seal,

the clamping device in an advantageous embodiment can comprise a locking lever which, for

clamping the plugs, is pivotal about an axis of rotation extending substantially transversely to a

direction of a passage through the partition wall. With an arrangement of this type, it is merely

necessary to seal the region in which the locking lever is rotatably mounted.--

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Please replace paragraph [0009] of the Published Application with the following amended

paragraph:

--According to an advantageous embodiment, the clamping device comprises a locking

lever with a base region and two leg regions. The bearing projections, which are rotatably

connected in corresponding bearing recesses in one plug, are formed on leg regions. In this way,

the locking lever can be made, in a particularly simple manner, to be pivotal about the axis of

rotation extending substantially transversely to the direction of the passage through the partition

wall, in order to clamp the plugs. The bearing sealing member can then be arranged on the

bearing projections, for example, in the form of an O-ring or, alternatively, is sprayed directly

onto the bearing projections.--

Please replace paragraph [0010] of the Published Application with the following amended

paragraph:

--A particularly inexpensive, simple embodiment of the <u>bearing</u> sealing member

according to the invention is achieved if the sealing member is formed by a resilient O-ring.--

Please replace paragraph [0011] of the Published Application with the following amended

paragraph:

--The <u>partition</u> seal from the partition wall has to be arranged peripherally around an

opening in the partition wall. According to an advantageous embodiment, the partition seal can

be sprayed onto an outer periphery of the plug, so the partition seal is arranged captively on the

plug housing. In addition, the connection between the partition seal and the plug, on which it is

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sprayed, is always completely tight. However, this partition seal can also be a separate member

which can be brought into contact with both the plug and the partition wall.--

Please replace paragraph [0018] of the Published Application with the following amended

paragraph:

-- If a passageway sealing member is provided on an opening of a first plug housing,

through which an engagement element of the clamping device dips, then a clamping device

configured as a sliding device can be particularly effectively sealed from penetrating moisture.

A seal of this type can be sprayed on, for example, and can also have complicated cross sections,

for example with at least one sealing lip, to improve the tightness.--

Please replace paragraph [0019] of the Published Application with the following amended

paragraph:

--A particularly reliable seal, which can be produced with minimal force, can be achieved

if at least one sealing projection, which cooperates with the <u>passageway</u> sealing member to seal

the plug connection, is formed on a second plug housing.--

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